

REMARKS

In the aforementioned Office Action, Claims 15, 35 and 37-39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

By this communication, Claims 15 and 35 have been amended. Claims 1-39 are pending in the Application. Reconsideration of the rejected claims is hereby respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the remarks set forth below.

35 U.S.C. §112 Rejections

The Examiner rejected Claim 37 stating that there was insufficient basis for the limitation “the predetermined number of laser shots”. Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 37 depends from Claim 29, which depends from Claim 27, which depends from Claim 26. The basis for this particular limitation can be found in Claim 26, line 4, which states “....by firing a predetermined number of laser shots.....” (*emphasis added for clarification only*).

The Examiner rejected Claim 38 stating that there was insufficient basis for the limitation “the predetermined number of laser shots”. Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 38 depends from Claim 29, which depends from Claim 27, which depends from Claim 26. The basis for this particular limitation can be found in Claim 26, line 4, which states “....by firing a predetermined number of laser shots.....” (*emphasis added for clarification only*).

In view of the above, it is submitted that the Application is now in condition for allowance and such favorable action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-3267.

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